

**Andrew Jackson to Robert Butler, December 31, 1815,
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TO COLONEL ROBERT BUTLER.

Private

“Linchburgh V.” December 31, 1815.

D'r Sir: We left the city on the 24th and reached this place this evening. We have experienced a few days of bad weather—the ground covered with snow. tomorrow we move on for Nashville, where we will arrive as early as our horses and the season will permit, our horses are thin and the depth of snow, is very fatiguing to them. I hope to reach you by the 25 or 30th proximo. I shall not attempt, to give you a detailed account of the passing scenes at Washington suffice it for the present to observe, that I had the pleasure of seeing all the great men at the city, was friendly greeted by all, and was obliged to flee the proffered hospitality of the surrounding cities to restore my health and preserve life. I therefore am retracing my steps to avoid the various pressing invitations. Before I reach you the fate of the bill enlarging the staff of the peace Establishment will be known. on the event of it passing you will be continued in your present appointment. If not, I have the promise of the Sec of war that you shall have an appointment in the line you will observe there is one vacancy not filled. . . .

. . . . I wish you to say to my overseer, that I am on my return, and will expect that my houses will be prepared in such a way as will prevent the no[r]thern blast from entering. Say further to him, to have as much hemp broke as will make a sufficient quan[t]ity of Bailing to Bale my cotton and set the wenchers to spin it. Give our compliments to Miss

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Jane Caffery and say to her that we will want something good to eat and drink on our arival, and to Dunwodie to have my young horses in good order, as I shall want as many as will carry me to Mobile. I hope my old friend the Duke will be able for the field. I shall want my Cotton for markett on my arival, say to the overseer to have the ginn started.

Make Mrs. J. compliments with my own to the Colo. his lady and family, and to all our relations and friends and for you and yours accept our best wishes.

I am respectfully yr mo. ob. serv.